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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Christensen et al. : DECISION ON APPLICATION
Application No. 10/529,375 : FOR
Filed: October 28, 2005 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty. Dkt. No. 08059.0013 :
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This is a decision on the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed on April 27, 2009. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment be corrected from twenty-eight (28) days to three hundred sixty-five (365) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is GRANTED.

The Office has updated the PALM and PAIR screens to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (365) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On February 9, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 28 days. The instant application for patent term adjustment was timely filed.¹ Applicants assert entitlement to additional patent term adjustment for office delay because the Office action mailed on January 25, 2007 was subsequently vacated, and a new Office action was mailed on December 28, 2007.

Specifically, a letter was mailed on April 12, 2007, stating that "the final rejection mailed on 1/25/07 is vacated. This

¹ PALM records indicate that the issue fee was paid on April 27, 2009.

action was incorrectly mailed to the applicant." On December 28, 2007, a new Office action was mailed.

Applicants state that the subject application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

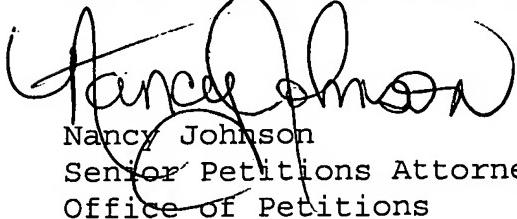
Upon review, applicants' assertion is correct. Since the Office action mailed on January 25, 2007, was vacated, and a new Office action was mailed on December 28, 2007, the period of adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 CFR 1.703(a)(1) is the period beginning the day after the date that is 14 months after the date the application fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, December 29, 2006, and ending on the date of mailing of the Office action mailed on December 28, 2007, or 365 days.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE (365) days (365 days of PTO delay, reduced by 0 days of Applicant delay).

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. The application is thereby forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and if applicable, for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Douglas I. Wood at (571) 272-3231.



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Encl: Revised PALM Calculation

PALM INTRANET

PTA Calculations for Application: 10/529375

Application Filing Date:	10/28/2005	PTO Delay (PTO):	28
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	0
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	365
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